

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE REVIEW**

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1. France - Communist China Couve de Murville told Ambassador Bohlen yesterday that a decision had been made "in principle" to recognize Communist China. Timing and conditions have not been set. Bohlen also reports word from the French that Chou En-lai and Chen Yi have rented a bungalow near Geneva for an unspecified date. This could mean nothing more than a short rest on their current travels.

2. Cambodia-US-France

Our Embassy in Phnom Penh reports that French military assistance offered Cambodia by Defense Minister Messmer early this week is apparently a one-shot deal, not a continuing commitment. It will, however, have considerable impact on Sihanouk.

3. Indonesia-US Sukarno will very likely come to New York in April to open Indonesia's World's Fair exhibit. He will probably want to come to Washington too.

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5. Japan-China Taipei says it is closing down its embassy in Tokyo because the Japanese have allowed a one-time Communist Chinese defector to return to the mainland. Consular and trade relations remain intact. [REDACTED]
6. Afro-Asian conferences Sukarno is attempting to drum up a second Bandung conference (the first was in 1955) and wants a preparatory meeting next month. [REDACTED]
7. India [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The succession issue is still unresolved, but we think 59-year-old Congress Party wheelhorse Lal Bahadur Shastri is the most likely candidate.
8. Cyprus Barricades are coming down and freedom of movement is gradually being restored as tensions relax somewhat. Even so, Turkish Cypriots are staying to themselves under administrative and security arrangements which in effect make them a state within a state. They do not want a return to the status quo ante, but some form of administrative separation. The conference of British, Turkish, and Greek foreign ministers plus leaders of the two Cypriot factions opens in London next Wednesday, following a meeting on Monday of the three foreign ministers alone.

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9. Arab Summit Nasir's Arab summit conference opens in Cairo on Monday. We [redacted] believe Egypt wants to prevent any dangerous unilateral Syrian reaction to Israel's Jordan River water project. The meeting, Nasir says, has long been scheduled, but had to be postponed until the Baathist hold in both Iraq and Syria was weakened.

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11. France [redacted]

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12. West Germany US Ambassador McGhee found Chancellor Erhard still beaming with satisfaction at the Texas meeting..."it was not only a good meeting. It was a real pleasure."

13. OAS Report on Cuban arms [redacted] 50X1  
the special OAS commission investigating Cuban arms  
in Venezuela, [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] the rough draft of the commission's report 50X1  
affirms that the arms in question had, in fact, come  
from Cuba; that they were probably intended for sub-  
versive purposes in Venezuela; [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] 50X1
14. Cuba-USSR [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] Cuban pilots returned to Havana last month after 50X1  
finishing MIG-21 training in the USSR. Also some  
350 Cuban military trainees in missile and radar work  
(probably for the SAMs) have just returned. Most  
Cuban training on Soviet equipment takes place in  
Cuba. [redacted] 50X1
15. West Indies Summit At the West Indies "summit"  
next week Trinidad's Williams and Jamaica's Busta-  
mente hope to swerve British Guiana's Jagan from  
his pro-Communist course. Williams will propose a  
West Indies economic association at this meeting and  
may try to bring Jagan around by threatening to ex-  
clude him.
16. Mexico-USSR [redacted] 50X1  
President Mateos will probably visit the USSR before  
his term expires at the end of this year.
17. State-of-the-Union message The State-of-the-Union  
message was promptly reported in summary form by  
Soviet and East European media [redacted] 50X1  
[redacted] References to curtailment 50X1  
of plutonium production and closing nonessential  
military installations were included, but the call  
on our adversaries to do the same was omitted.

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A Havana commentator, noting a general lack of bellicosity, called it "frankly encouraging" that the speech seems to follow the policy outlined by President Kennedy at American University; but, he said, it also showed no evidence that there exists an "adequate understanding" of Latin American problems and still contained "calumnious words" for Cuba.

West European commentaries generally stress the continuity of policies and similarity in objectives between the Kennedy and Johnson administrations: "...a passionate appeal for completion of the Kennedy program...." "...The message deserves the confidence not only of the Americans but also of their allies, whom it was also directed...." A number went on to note that the budget cuts clearly bore President Johnson's own stamp.